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Dunlop's Gosslpy Gotham Letter-Pros pective Engagements and a Review of Passing Events in Lincoln.

[Special Courier Correspondence.] NEW YORK, Oct. 13, 1892.—Gotham is celebrating the discovery of America and the town is a whirlwind of festive excitement. town is a whirlwind of festive excitement. As, however, in all celebrations where the people wander through the garlanded streets during the day and evening, the theatres always' all left," so to speak, and depend only on the regular local theatre-goers. It is pretty hard to fight against free shows of any kind, and when they come in the shape of Columbian celebrations, it's useless. In spite of the splendid attractions produced by the Metropolitan managers for the millions of strangers that have come to town, they have refused to flock to the play houses, as some refused to flock to the play houses, as some expected, and perhaps this will give the rainbow-chasing managers who expect to make a great deal of money during the world's fair at Chicago, pause. At none of the large expositions, whether in London or Paris, Vienna or Melbourne, have the theatres done anything like good business while the fairs were going on, and the streets filled with great multitudes who found enough to see wandering around. Even if they had made up their minds to visit a particular play, they felt too tired to do so, and when the shades of evening, electrified into daylight, again lured them, the weary crowd drifted along the arteries of the great city until they tumble into beds at their different notels entirely exhausted. The grand festival production of The Triumph of Columbus, by Silas G. Pratt. at Carnegie Music Hall, which ought to have attracted all music lovers, failed to draw as many people as were on the stage and in the orchestra on Monday, and so it had proven at every theatre, with the possible exception of Hoyt's A Trip to Chinatown, which has such a solid pull that it overflowed the Madison Square Theatre completely. In the many good things pro-vided there was nothing absolutely new on Monday.

At the Star, Mr. Joseph Jefferson appeared in Rip Van Winkle, and the renewal of the play, after several years of disuse, was a manifest satisfaction to everybody. Rip has NEW-{-STORE not changed at all. Once again the bumored shift essness, before the twenty years of sleep, and his piteous daze upon awakening, were portrayed with such a nicety of naturalness as to make the Irving legend seem quite probably. The general representation was quite adequate. Mr. Jefferson was received in a very friendly fashion and his acting met with full appreciation. At the Garden, Mme. Helena Modjeska em-

ployed a role new to her, and one which had not been acted in New York by anybody since 1874. Tais was Katharine of Arragon in Shakespeare's very dull play of King Henry VIII., a part associated in theatrical history with materially powerful actresses, like Fanny Kemble and Charlotte Cushman. There was a special curiosity to see whether Modjeska's lack of physical force would prevent ber from achitving an artistic success, but she did. The subtlety and sureness of her acting sufficed. Of course her other-wise faultless elocution was greatly marred by her foreign accent, and listeners had to be intent in order to get the full meanings of her utterances. She gave complete expres-sion, however, to the sorrows of the wronged queen, and her performance was one more triumph in her career of triumphs. More than praise of Modjeska's own acting is due to learn that a new process has been invented for removing Blotches, Freckles, etc., from the face, leaving the skin clear and beautiful. deal of thought, taste and money into the its done by the production, and the good result of all the ex-New Steam Process!

Just introduced by Mrs. J. C. Bell, and is proving a big success and very popular. All the atest effects in

of good judgment. Ye Earlie Trouble, which was seen for the first time at the Twenty-third Street Theatre, was tried at Boston last season, is from the not untrue pen of a native dramatist, Henry Guy Carleton, and it was put forward with many advantages, derived from picturesque scenery, brilliant uniforms, a large company of well-liked actors and the presence of a friendly audience. It did not gain a thor-ough success and not once did it stir its spectators to anything like enthusiasm. The story of the American rovolution does not in many respects lend itself easily to the demands of the dramatist. Perhaps a dozen plays have in past years essayed to clothe in plays have in past years essayed to clothe in romantic and plausible garb some incident of that great contest, but it is not recalled that more than fleeting applause has rewarded any of these attempts. Mr. Carleton may safely be congratulated for having accomplished more than those who preceded him. He has made a play that is technically strong at any rate, for its plot is ingeniously contrived, the exposition of it is rapid proper, the language is good and the lighter passages the language is good and the lighter passages are entirely felicitous. The liberties it takes with history may be kindly dealt with. The revolution would make a grim stage play indeed, if truth were adhered to in all the

It has no doubt been a great week for New York, but as a whole the theatrical profession has not benefited by it to any great ex-DUNLOP.

The Lansing held a large audience Tuesday evening, the occasion peing Dore Davidson and Ramie Austen in Dangers of a Great City, which is made up principally of hair breadth escapes, sensational exploits and deeds of darling. The heavy villain comes in for a full slice of recognition and each of the cast has a varied assortment of characters usually found in society's chain from the lowest in life to the highest element in the human family. The two stars divide the honors, each assuming three roles, Miss Austen impersonating Ruth Fielding, a New York girl; Meg Casey, the toughest girl in the Bend, and Alice, a sister of charity, while Mr. Davidson, who does not appear roles: Ed Vaugh, the detective; Moline, an Italian counterfeiter, and Shppery Isaacs, a Hebrew peddler, these all in disguises to gian detective results. The scene depicts the wrecks of Wall street and shows the work of ruin and revenge for lost fortune. It is very sensational throughout and the work of each character was well sustained by a fair company, several musical numbers being inter-spersed that relieved the tenor of excitement of the play.

McCarty and his Mishaps was the foundation for much mirth and merriment at the Lansing Thursday evening, Barney Feguson and a cepable company giving a funny and interesting delineation of this old time fa-vorite. McCarthy's Misnaps has been given several times in Lincoln and the presentation of Thursday evening, aside from a tew alter-ation, which, however, are no improvement

COLUMBUS VS. THEATRES.

THOUSANDS OF VISITORS CELEBRATE
IN NEW YORK, BUT IGNORE
THE THEATRES.

Dunlon's Gossley Gotham Letter—Prosvoice and otherwise does some meritorious work, while his sister is a petite little artiste that knows how to handle her feet to excellent advantage. The part of Mr. McCarty was in the able hands of Mr. Ferguson and found a satisfactory exponent in the character made famous by him after having played it for seven years. He is virtually the same rollicking, mirth provoking Irishman as of yore. A very fair performance was given yore. A very fair performance was given and those present attested their satisfaction of the work by frequent applause.

> Barrel of Money, the great sensational melodrama, has been playing to large houses at the Funke for the past two nights, the en-gagement opening with a full house Thurs-day evening It is one of those productions so often seen nowadays depending almost sole ly on sensational features and startling scenic effects, though s strong plot runs through the piece. The scene is laid in Vermont in one of its manufacturing towns, where the abor element forms the larger part of the population, but where, as usual, the vaga-

> ond and loafer are ever at hand to do mis chief. The boiler room scene, as also that of the machinery at work, and the climax showing a female form tied to a revolving engine belt about to make its round over a huge pulley are all exciting and called forth applause at proper intervals. The comedy parts are well taken and the dramatic work is represented by a fair cast of characters Barrel of Money will be given again this afternoon at a grand matinee, when special prices of 25 and 50 cents will be offered. The en gagement closes tonight, the regularly estabished prices of the house prevailing, viz: 25, 50 and 75 cents. In this connection it might be added, in justice to the Funke, that this attraction, when last seen here, played to full houses at 50, 75 cents and \$1. The pres-ent management desires to call the attention of the theatre goers to the fact that not withstanding this company played in Lincoln heretofore at one dollar for best seats, the uniform popular price for this engagement has been only 75 cents. This rule will pre-vail throughout the season and the Lincoln public will therefore be given dollar shows

> egularly for 75 cents. THEATRICAL SMALL TALK. Manager Church visited Omaha Tuesday. The Spooners will come to the Funke next veek for a run.

> Patti Rosa's Dolly Vardon is the success of her theatrical career. Barrel of Money matinee at Funke's today for ladies and children. Prices, 25 and 50

The Funke's first November booking is on the third instant, when The Colonel, a new and successful German comedy, will be

staged. Miss Vance, a cousin of Manager Martling low presides at the Funke ticket office. She is a charming young lady and will undoubt-

edly be a drawing card. There may have been handsomer treasurers in the box office of Lincoln theatres in the past, but certainly none were ever more accommodating or better liked by patrons than Mr. John Dowden, the Lansing's new and popular manager of the ticket window. John has had a long and varied experience in local theatrical circles, knows nearly every one, is posite and courteous to all and danager Church is to be congratulated on this appointment.

THE ENSIGN AT THE LANSING.

on Monday evening, was first tried in Minneapolis by Messrs, Litt and Davis last summer. It was cast with some of our best actors, then belonging to Mr. Litt's stock company, and scored a gratifying success. The formal production of The Eosign occurred in Washingtnn, where there are more naval critics than in any other American city. It met with instant success there and was pronounced a perfect reproduction of naval scenes and incidents by men high in official circles. Since then it has been presented in Chicago, Boston and other cities, and everywhere has been received with enthusiasm. In the navy, Mr. Haworth, the author, has invaded a new field, and one that is full of excellent ma-



terial. In the industrious dramatist. We towe many war dramas, but for some reason the pavy has until this time escaped the dramatist. The characters in The Ensign are unctious and the general tone sound and healthy. The scenery in which it is set is novel, striking and beautiful. There are five great scenes, and every one of them original. Each scene deals with an original subject, and treats that subject in a masterly manner. The grand harbor of Havana, the Cubau villa, the sectional internal view of a man-of-war, the president's private library the sper deck of a battle ship are splendid subjects for the scene painter. The details of a man-of-war are presented with lifelike fidelity. In fact, they are actually reproduced from photographs and color studies taken by an artist on board a United States vessel lying at the Brooklyn navy yard. until the second act, assumes the following The big guis, the coils of rope, the brasses, the bunting, the officers and men-all are brought out only as conscientious studies

from real life by a competent artist could bring them out. By this sectional view is presented a double scene in the play. The effect is necessarily powerful. The advance sale of seats has been very large.

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The Operator, which is to be produced at the Lansing Wednesday evening, is a melodrama with a variety of pleaing features, it is mid. Several passages, as that of a ship-wreck in midocean and a railway locomotive crashing through a tressle, are of thrilling interest. But music, singing and dancing form adjuncts to the play. Comedy effects are pleatiful and the twin brothers, William and Willard Newell, who carry the principal parts in the play, so closely resemble each other that they confuss the other players, as well as the audience, with their individuality. The Chicago Times, speaking of the ity. The Chicago Times, speaking of the play, says: "A new melodrama entitled, The Operator, was brought out Saturday at Albambra, by the 'twin stars,' Willard and William Newell, backed by a company of



good actors. The play itself is realistically spectacular, and as such is cleverly devised and carried out. The Newell brothers are surprisingly alike, and both clever melodramatic actors; their striking resemblance to each other is a constant source of interes to the audience.

The staid old New York Sun says; "The only twin stars, the Newell brothers, William and Williard, opened their season at the Empire August 27th. They were greeted by a large audience. The Operator is a thor-oughgoing melodrama. The first act has nurder, a robbery and an abduction, and the second a shipwreck followed by a railroad wreck. Of course all the troubles of the hero and the heroine are healed in the last act. The play was received with enthusiasm, and the Newell brothers and Dinkins, the owners, should make money. The advance sale of seats opens Monday.

RETURN OF THE SPOONERS.

It is hardly necessary for us to give an ex-tended notice of the coming return engage-ment of the Spooner Comedy company, for the mere fact to announce that they will open at the Funke Monday evening will be sufficient to crowd the house. The opening bill will be Kathleen Mavorneen, and each performance will see a change of program.
Monday evening will be ladies' free night,
each lady accompanied by a gentleman holding a thirty cent ticket being admitted free.
The same popular prices as on the previous
engagement, 10, 20 and 30 cents, will be in force. Following is what the Burlington Daily Gazette has to say of the attraction: "The popular Spooner Comedy con opened its return engagement at the Grand opera house last evening to an audience that packed the house and nearly filled the aisles. It was a grand reception, an enthusiastic ovation. The hold that this sterling little company has secured upon the affections of Burlington theatre goers is unusual and re-markable. Winter or summer, they play here to a full house. It makes no difference The Ensign, the new naval play which is comes after them. They draw just the same to be given its first production in this city and they never fail to please. Miss Edna May and Cecil Spooner won new laurels in their roles and their specialties."

PATTI ROSA AT THE LANSING. Pardonable pride is indulged by the management of Patti Rosa as the career of this well known and favorite artiste is called up in retrospect. From the unostentatious and unheralded beginning of six years ago, she has been seen to grow and expand, not alone in artistic excellence, but as well in popular estimation, until today she is one of the accepted representatives of the school of dra-matic art to which she applies herself. The plaudits of her admirers and the calm, reflective judgment of the most eminent critics, both of this country and of England, have united in awarding her the meed of pre-eminence. In America her name is as a house-hold word, and its mention conjures up the evenings of pleasure spent within the witchery of her presence and under the dominant spell of her art. In casting the horoscope for the coming season, the management sees new conquests gained; old friendships strengthened and new ones made; new beauties shown in that magic mirror so deftly

held up to nature. Patti Rosa's musical menu is an attractive and melodious one, embracing among others the following delightful airs: Over the High Brick Wall, Maggie Murphy's Home, Sweet Kate Connor, He Never Came Back, Taking in the Town, Banjo Medly with Concertina Medly, Picture That is Turned Against the Wall, Pardon Came Too Late, Fanny Little Fellow with a High, High Hat, Meet a Coon Tonight, etc. These and other popular numbers will be heard in Miss Rosa's clever comedy, Dolly Varden. The company includes Messrs. John Dunn, Gerald Griffin, Edgar Halstead, Marcus Moriarty, Joe Cawthorn and Misses Grace Clarke, Carrie Francis, Fannie Jacobs and Irene Hoyt. Ed Phelps, the old reliable music director, still wields the baton and the fact that Will O. Wheeler is Miss Rosa's manager is sufficient guarantee that Dolly Vardon will receive a delightful presentation. This engagement is for one night only-Thursday next.

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